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Honorable William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

Recent reporting and public commentary concerning the Agency's contractual arrangements with Dr. Nadav Safran at ^{Harvard} Howard University's Center for Middle Eastern Studies prompted me to ask the Committee's staff to discover the facts of the case and the general nature of the Agency's funding and policy approach to such external contracts with individual academics. Agency officials assisted fully in the interviews leading to the staff report.

I consider the issues raised by the Safran case to be important for academic institutions, for individual academics, and for the Agency. I believe the Agency recently has made some improvements in its handling of external research contracts with academics. I believe, however, that both these changes and the Agency's policy on external contracts with academic institutions and individual academics merit explication.

Accordingly, I request that you provide the Committee a comprehensive review of Agency policy on external research contracts with academic institutions and individual academics. I ask that in this review you address, inter alia, the following questions:

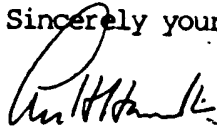
- What was the amount of FY 85 Agency funds spent on external research with academic institutions? With individual academics? By what directorates?
- How many institutions were involved? How many individual academics?
- What were the comparable funding amounts, numbers of institutions and individuals, and breakdown by directorate in FY 80?
- How are the funds actually transmitted to the recipients?
- Are funds ever distributed through other agencies of government?
- What is the proportion of funds directly distributed by the Agency to funds indirectly distributed?

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- What conditions are normally part of an external research contract?
- Why does the Agency insist on non-attribution clauses in all contracts?
- What are the circumstances and conditions under which a contractor has access to classified material?
- How is the decision made whether or not to contract with the individual academic or the parent academic institution?
- For what purposes and for what general reasons is external research conducted? Please illustrate using examples of specific contracts with both institutions and individuals.
- How is it decided, and who decides, what topics ought to be studied by external researchers?
- What are the internal review procedures to determine whether satisfactory research on a suggested topic already exists in the public domain and to eliminate duplication of research within the Agency and within the intelligence community?

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



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Lee H. Hamilton
Chairman

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